

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Thursday, January 24, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was offered by Reverend Robert Dean, Superintendent of the COGIC and State Representative from Grand Rapids.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, and Moss.

Members Absent: Representatives Gillard, Jackson, and Nofs.

Chairman Cushingberry offered opening remarks as an update on the supplemental. He offered thanks to the House Fiscal Agency, Legislative Service Bureau and Staff for their hard work.

The following testimony cards were received:

Jim Smock representing the Michigan Credit Union League, not wishing to speak, in support of the bill.

Joelle Demand representing the Michigan Bankers Association, not wishing to speak, in support of DLEG portion of the bill.

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There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, Chairman Cushingberry adjourned the meeting, the time being 2:05 p.m.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994